

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. I have recently retired from the US Army and the military depends on low rates to call home anywhere and anytime. This will hurt the middle-income military person and family members!

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. As a former Army officer who is trying to start my own business, which includes using my cell phone as my primary number, and not being BIG BUSINESS, this will force all costs to increase and I haven't even really begun reaping any benefits of self-employment and small business. It is the small business that keeps this country going, not BIG BUSINESS!

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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